



The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
Regular Meeting of Council
MINUTES

Meeting #: R-2020-04
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020, 7:00 pm
Location: 7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Brian Taylor
Councillor Zak Eburne-Stoodley
Councillor Cathy Korolek
Councillor Chris Moslin
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Rod Zielinski

Absent: Councillor Neil Krog

Staff: Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer
Daphne Popoff - Corporate Administrative Assistant
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
Graham Watt - Manager of Strategic Initiatives
Maurice Wutzke - Temporary Manager of Operations
Justin Dinsdale - Manager of Capital Projects

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the February 24, 2020, Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adopt agenda

February 24, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda

Resolution #: R047/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the February 24, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

Carried

3. MINUTES

- a. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

February 10, 2020, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R048/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the February 10, 2020, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

- b. Adopt minutes - Public Hearing

February 10, 2020, Public Hearing Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R049/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the February 10, 2020, Public Hearing Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

- c. Adopt minutes - Regular

February 10, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R050/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the February 10, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

4. **REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
6. **REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

- a. Reports of Council

Councillors

Councillor Korolek commented on points in her report attached.

Councillor Moslin spoke on points in his report attached and gave kudos to the geocachers.

Councillor Zielinski inquired into the theft/vandalism to the east side Grand Forks sign, flood preparedness information, RFP's for Engineer of Record, Seniors' Society letter of request for lease of centre, Volunteer Fire Dept. March 11th practice/meeting for those interested in more information about becoming a volunteer.

Councillor Thompson participated in budget workshops, attended the Grand Forks Social Services Advisory Group, will take on the responsibility of being a liaison to the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Eburne-Stoodley commented on communication with the Seniors' Society perhaps to invite them to a Committee of the Whole Meeting, encouraged everyone to attend events that are coming up.

Resolution #: R051/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT all reports of Council at the February 24, 2020, Regular Meeting be received.

Carried

7. **REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY**

- a. Verbal Report - RDKB Representative

Verbal report from Council's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Read the RDKB agendas here:

<https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/314>

Councillor Korolek reported that in addition to her new role as representative to the RDKB and BCDC, she is also on the Trails Master Plan Committee and has been attending and learning many aspects of each area. She reported that more budget conversations will be taking place, landfill issues and information, and announced that there will be a meeting on transit at GFSS on March 3rd.

Resolution #: R052/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, given verbally at this meeting be received.

Carried

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a. ICIP Green Infrastructure: Environmental Quality Sub-Stream: Stormwater Management & Treatment grant application

Development, Engineering & Planning

Discussion:

- DMAF plans will not be delayed
- borrowing concerns
- other projects also required
- disruption to downtown businesses
- this project already in 20-year Capital Plan
- Council final decision after grant gets approved or not

Resolution #: R053/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

WHEREAS the City of Grand Forks is committed to improving the management and treatment of its stormwater to improve the environmental quality of the Granby and Kettle Rivers; BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff submit an application for grant funding for the improvement of stormwater management and treatment in the downtown core through the ICIP- Green Infrastructure: Environmental Quality Sub-stream and THAT Council supports the project and commits to funding its share (\$1,240,155) of the project from asset renewal reserves or borrowing.

Carried

- b. Final Approval – Temporary Use Permit – 7454 - 19th Street

Development, Engineering & Planning

Discussion:

- questions answered to Star Automotive/Starchuk Holdings letter of inquiries and concerns
- parking around establishment

Resolution #: R054/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council grants a Temporary Use Permit for a micro\craft brewery at 7454 - 19th Street; legally described as Lot 2, Plan KAP54160, District Lot 380, Similkameen Division of Yale District; PID 019-142-927.

Carried

- c. Development Variance Permit No. DVP2001-Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence at 7500 Donaldson Drive

Development, Engineering & Planning

Resolution #: R055/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council APPROVE the issuance of a Development Variance Permit to reduce the setback distance, from 100m to 36m, between the proposed location of a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store at 7500 Donaldson Drive, legally described as Lot 2, DL 380, Plan KAP49207, SDYD, and the parcel boundary of the Community Use zoned property at 1924-75th Avenue (James Donaldson Park).

Opposed (2): Korolek, and Zielinski

Carried

- d. Policy 115 – One Employee of Council

Corporate Services

Discussion:

- FTE's, PTE's and contracted staff

Resolution #: R056/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approves Policy #115 “CAO - One Employee of Council”.

Carried

e. 2020 Budget Recommendations

Interim CAO

Discussion:

- concerns of increased taxation
- amount back into asset management
- public input
- allocations to reserves

Resolution #: R057/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council consider a general taxation increase of 4% as per Policy 808.

Opposed (1): Zielinski

Carried

Resolution #: R058/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council direct Staff to increase the utility rates for water and wastewater by 3.5% as per Policy 808.

Opposed (1): Zielinski

Carried

Resolution #: R059/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council, considering an anticipated electrical surplus, use a portion of that surplus to offset shortfalls in roads, water and sewer reserves.

Carried

Resolution #: R060/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to develop a policy outlining the amount, time frame and direction of the electrical surplus re-allocations.

Carried

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Summer Events Special Occasion Liquor Licences

Corporate Services

Resolution #: R061/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament Society from June 28-July 5, 2020, from 11:00 am-11:59 pm (depending on projected end time of last game), at James Donaldson Park, subject to obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate; and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.

Carried

Resolution #: R062/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approves a variance to the Noise Control Bylaw #1681 from June 28 to July 5, 2020, to permit the Grand Forks International to utilize the speakers at James Donaldson Park during scheduled games which may run later than 10:00 pm.

Carried

Resolution #: R063/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks Events Manager on July 18, 2020, from 12:00 pm-10:30 pm, at Market Avenue and 3rd Street for 'Party in the Street', subject to obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate; and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.

Carried

Resolution #: R064/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approves a variance to the Noise Control Bylaw #1681 on July 18, 2020, to permit the “Party in the Street” to run until 10:30 pm.

Carried

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

11. BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw 2069 - Inter-Community Business Licencing
Development, Engineering & Planning

Resolution #: R065/20/02/24 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council give fourth reading to Kootenay-Wide Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw No. 2069.

Carried

12. LATE ITEMS

13. ITEMS RELEASED FROM IN-CAMERA

14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- Les Johnson inquired as to Councillor Zielinski's comment 'if the dike was not high enough'

15. ADJOURNMENT

The February 24, 2020, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Mayor Brian Taylor

Corporate Administrative Assistant –
Daphne Popoff